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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

1. Japanese Patent Application No. 8-83780 dated March 26, 1996,
along with its English language abstract.

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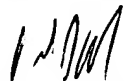


2. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-238709 dated August 31, 1999,
together with its English language abstract.
3. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-44047 dated February 17, 1998,
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4. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-46140 dated February 17, 1998,
together with its English language abstract.
5. Japanese Patent Application No. 10-163141 dated June 19, 1998, together
with its English language abstract.
6. Japanese Patent Application No. 11-21546 dated January 26, 1999,
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Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references. The
relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the specification.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in
accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee
is required. Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully
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